

PROCEDURE 2008

SOFTWARE SUPPORT

DATE: 05/05/02

TITLE: Blocksize

Purpose

To establish a standard procedure in regard to the blocksize of all data sets handled on the Information Technology Division equipment. ITD recommends using 'System Determined Blocksize' by coding Blksize=0 when datasets are created.

Responsibility for Blocksize

It shall be the responsibility of the dataset owner to establish the appropriate blocksize when defining data sets on ITD equipment and facilities.

Blocksize Coded in Program

The coding of blocksize in programs will not be allowed and may cause user jobs to fail. Cobol programs should use the Blocks contain 0 clause to allow jcl to control Blksize.

Blocksize Coded in JCL

The BLKSIZE parameter of the DD statement should be coded as 0 for all sequential dasd and cartridge datasets. This will invoke the System Determined Blocksize function which selects the best blocksize for whichever device is being used.

Effective Date

This Policy shall be effective immediately upon publication. At the time of the initial publication, all previous programs are expected to be changed to meet compliance by January 1, 1981.

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